

Tree Commission Minutes of April 1, 2025

Roll Call: Meeting was called to order at 4:00PM

Thomas Friedrich – absent

Jill Lawson-absent

Linda Montayne

Kathryn Comish

Mindy Stoff

Larry Brammer – absent

Kurt Vonder Haar

Minutes: Motion – Approve Minutes of the February 4, 2025 Tree Commission Meeting

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Commission Members Requests:

- Kurt expressed interest in improving the appearance of the Highland exits. Need IDOT help. IDOT is currently involved with the City on a 2+ year project improving 5 acre plot between Sycamore and Troxler behind Public Safety building. Joe Gillespie, Director of Public works will be invited to the next meeting to discuss further. Kurt interested in attending council meeting for additional help.
- Linda and Kathy expressed interest in reviving the Spring Bloom festival held before COVID. Likely need more help to restart.
- Kathy thought more education to the community would be a good goal. For ex.
 - Inform public proper disposal of Christmas Trees.
 - Trim/Removal plan of trees located in easement should be discussed with City.
 - Burning guidelines in city.
- Mindy stated a garden club meeting member was interested in improving welcome signs. A meeting guest was offering Boy Scouts and local DeMolay chapter to help. Tom has already done a lot of work on cleaning these up. A beautification fund may be available with HACF for materials. The arboretum cleanup may be better project for our youth as the welcome signs are near busy road ways.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday 10-7-2025 at the Korte Rec Center